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QUOTE

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TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM, E.),

SUBJ: TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO SRI LANKA

MANILA PASS SECRETARY SIMON'S PARTY

1. IN MY JUDGMENT, SECRETARY SIMON'S APRIL 21-22 VISIT TO SRI LANKA WAS A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL EXERCISE IN PERSONAL DIPLOMACY AND SUBSTANTIALLY ADVANCED U.S. INTERESTS IN SRI LANKA.

2. THE FIRST AMERICAN CABINET MEMBER TO VISIT COLOMBO IN ALMOST TWO DECADES, THE SECRETARY WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH IMMEDIATE AND CLOSE RAPPORT WITH PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE, WHO IS LIKELY TO REMAIN IN POWER FOR AT LEAST TWO MORE YEARS AND WHO PLACES GREAT STOCK IN PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS. BY CONVEYING DIRECT ASSURANCES OF FORD ADMINISTRATION'S INTEREST IN WELFARE AND PROGRESS OF HER

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COUNTRY, HE WAS ABLE TO REINFORCE, UNDER A NEW

ADMINISTRATION, THE TOP-LEVEL TIES WHICH  
MRS. BANDARANAIKE HAD DEVELOPED WITH NIXON  
ADMINISTRATION. THESE TIES, IN MY VIEW, CAN BE  
VALUABLE ASSET IN OUR RELATIONS WITH SRI LANKA  
AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR EFFORTS TO HOLD  
BANDRANIKE GOVERNMENT ON MODERATE COURSE AS IT  
PREPARES TO HOST NEXT YEAR'S NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT.

3. I AM VERY GREATEFUL TO SECRETARY SIMON FOR  
CHANGING HIS ORIGINAL SCHEDULE IN ORDER TO INCLUDE  
SRI LANKA IN HIS ITINERARY.

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